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Blessings from the Mount...

by Harry O. Kutz

"Blessed are the meek..."



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they shall inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for there is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, who are reviled, persecuted, and falsely accused, for ye shall receive the kingdom of heaven, for ye shall be filled with the Holy Spirit.

THE WORLD lives by its own beatitude of "Blessed is the strong who can hold his own," but Jesus says, "Blessed are the meek." While meekness is not weakness, certainly the Master teaches a vastly different concept of how to "get ahead" than the popular ideas that fill men's heads today!

True meekness goes far deeper than our attitudes toward men. It sees the ultimate in the will of God as our supreme good, and takes delight in absolutely conforming to that will. It is the strong who only know how to use strength. Many use brute force to their own destruction. See the Christ as He cleanses the Temple, or standing before the critical mob of Pharisees and healing the palsied man, or before Pilate! Woe is the man with power to make or break his fellow man at his

disposal and devoid of the inner strength that comes with a meek and a quiet spirit! The soldier that fights for this earth must be fierce, but that one who wages the inner war to conquer himself to gain the new heaven and the new earth must not give himself to anger, prejudice, nor cruelty, for they constitute the very negative of love.

The promise linked with this character trait is the subject of dispute with many as to what it means to "inherit the earth." One thought is that this refers to getting the most out of this earth life. Like the rich man who buys the beautiful painting, but it is not his nearly as much as it is the beggar's who passes by and drinks of its beauty to his fill. Then there is the thought that the meek shall possess the land in the fulfillment of the kingdom of God on the earth. Certainly it is more than the mere acquiring of a field of ground to call our own. Let us seek first the kingdom of God that all His blessings may be added unto us.

There cannot be a more glorious object in creation than a human being replete with benevolence, meditating in what manner he may render himself most acceptable to the Creator by doing good to His creatures.—Henry Fielding.

Editorials

Charles W. Conn



T. W. GODWIN

ON FRIDAY, May 2, Rev. T. W. Godwin, overseer of Virginia, died suddenly at his home near Roanoke. The death of Brother Godwin has saddened the hearts of all those who knew him, for they realize the Church of God has lost one of its champions and ablest workers. He had just moved into the new state parsonage on the Virginia campground site. When the editor saw him at the Northeastern Youth Congress in Lebanon, Pa., just a few days prior to his death, he was his usual cheerful and consecrated self.

Brother Godwin has served the Church in various capacities, notably as pastor and state overseer. He was honored by the General Assembly of the Church of God at the last meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., by being elected to the Supreme Council. As a councillor he was a man of conviction and insight, with the courage to speak his convictions. As a minister and state overseer he was well loved by his brethren and fellow ministers. His affectionate disposition is seen in his last message to the ministers of Virginia, taken from the May issue of *THE VIRGINIAN*:

"Since our last message to you, we have conducted four district conventions; namely, Pulaski, New River, Richmond, and Appalachian. All of these conventions were good in every way. The district overseers had well-

arranged programs. All the pastors cooperated with the program, and there seemed to be nothing left undone that would go to make up a real good convention. Many times the Holy Ghost took over, and a great spiritual feast followed.

"All the mission offerings were well rounded up and every district went a little over its last year's record, with Alexandria and Clinchfield leading all others with the largest increase. Alexandria went \$93.00 over, and Clinchfield \$90.70. We should give the two Johns a pat on the back for leading the other ten districts in this worthy cause—missions.

"Yes, this brings to a close another good year of district conventions in Virginia. And we can truly say it has been a great pleasure working with the fine ministers of the Old Dominion. Thanks again, fellows, for your kindness and good fellowship. It has been above the average. And now we are heading into the state convention again, expecting it to be the best ever.

"We had such a fine time last year, with our missions well over \$10,000. I wonder how much over that mark we will tread this time. Men, do your best. Others are setting high marks. Let's make this the banner year in missions. The Man who has gone before us said, 'Follow me, be not afraid. I will be with you alway, even to the end of the world.' His promises are true. We can depend on Him all the time and everywhere. Suppose you make a check on your missions and Orphanage right now and see how much you have on hand. See if you have enough to be proud of when you make your contribution in the convention. Have it all ready to turn in not later than Friday of the convention. May the Lord bless you all and cause His face to shine upon you.—Your Buddy, the state overseer."

A devoted Christian has gone to meet his Saviour, and while we rejoice at his home-going, our hearts are saddened by our loss of him here. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Brother Godwin's wife and family in this hour of their sorrow.

Deep in every heart is the yearning to be accepted, to be loved, and a feeling that one means something to somebody. But people do not express their appreciation very much. Most of them are like the nine whom Jesus healed. They just go on and forget you.

Samuel Leibowitz, now a famous judge, and formerly a great criminal lawyer, saved seventy-eight persons from the electric chair. Yet not one of the seventy-eight ever bothered even to send him a Christmas card. Art King had a radio program called "Job Center of the Air." He got good jobs for 2,500 people; but only ten ever thanked him.

In his very first political speech, Abraham Lincoln said to the voters of Sagamon County, "I have no other ambition so great as that of being truly esteemed by my fellow men." Look into the hearts of most people and you will find their greatest desire is the same as was Lincoln's. And many feel they have missed it.

—Charles L. Allen in *IN QUEST OF GOD'S POWER* (Revell)

Why Men Oppose Holiness

By Lester Wheeler

FIRST, because they love sin and are not willing to give it up and turn from it. When a man is done with sin, he wants holiness. There is nothing else to want. He who does not believe in holiness must believe in sin. We have found that the objections to holiness are more frequently the outcome of moral conditions than of mental difficulties. Certainly, the moral condition gives color to the eye. "Unto the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled." A man with a pure heart can see purity everywhere, while a man with sin in his heart can see purity nowhere. All likes and dislikes are controlled largely by our appetency—the things we long for and desire; and our desires are determined by the condition or nature ruling within. A turkey buzzard will alight upon a carcass because such is the nature and desire of the bird; whereas, a hummingbird will just as naturally alight in a flower garden, because that is the nature and desire of the hummingbird. The more we are partakers of the divine nature, the more intense our love and desire for holiness.

SCOND, men oppose holiness because of their ignorance concerning the Scriptures and the power of God. As Jesus said to the Pharisee: "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." Any person antagonizing holiness does one of two things: he publishes either his ignorance or his infidelity concerning the Bible. The terms "holy" and "holiness" occur more than six hundred times in the Bible, and are frequently applied to human characters under the operations of grace. If Jesus Christ can save a man from any sin, He can save him from all sin. Being ignorant concerning the real Bible teachings on this subject of holiness accounts for much of the prejudice and opposition concerning it. The facts are, the subject of holiness is so scriptural, reasonable, and logical that no one can antagonize it without first misstating and misrepresenting the matter.

THIRD, in the last analysis, opposition to holiness is due to the "carnal mind" in the hearts of men, which "is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. This "enmity" is innate, inborn, and is not only at enmity, but is within itself the very quintessence of "enmity, against God." In another place it is called "our old man." In opposing holiness, this "old man" is actuated by the devil, and is simply fighting for his life; holiness means death to the "old man." The "carnal mind" is a condition, a princi-

ple, which cannot be pardoned, but must be eradicated and destroyed by the blood of Jesus. So, wherever opposition to the blood of Jesus manifests itself, that very opposition is in itself the strongest evidence of the lack and need of holiness. The opposition proves that the principle of "enmity" is still in the heart.

He who does not want holiness wants "unholiness," or sin, no matter what his profession or pretensions may be. All men realize the fact that holiness is necessary for entering heaven, and so, theoretically, all men want holiness at the end of life; but to desire holiness only at death is not to desire it at all. If there is a real desire for holiness, it must be in the present tense; and if holiness is desired in the present tense, why should there be any objection to a present-tense experience of holiness? How any person can profess to love God, who is the very essence and embodiment of holiness, and yet be antagonistic to holiness is indeed a mystery. Or, how a man can believe God is holy and not want to be like Him is difficult to understand. "Every man that has this hope in him (the hope of seeing Jesus as He is) purifieth himself, even as he is pure," 1 John 3:3. Many will admit of a relative holiness but deny the possibility of a positive holiness. To strive to be holier than in former days does not seem objectionable, but to insist on being positively cleansed from all sin seems to them a very dangerous heresy. However, to deny the possibility of being thus cleansed is to doubt the efficacy of the blood of Christ and deny the Scripture. A heart in which there remains any sin surely, is not holy. The holiness commanded, and enjoined upon us, is "As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy." "As" and "so" would seem to indicate that the heart is to be positively clean. To demand a holy life and yet deny the privilege of a holy heart is demanding the impossible. "Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also."

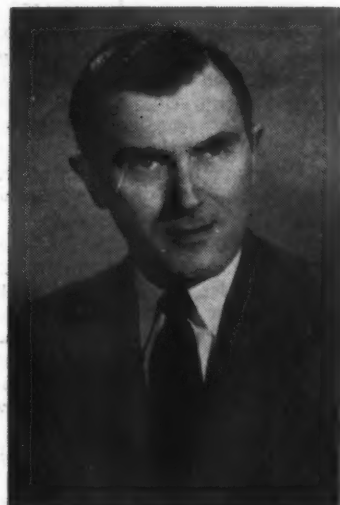
By "holiness" is meant a heart cleansed from all sin and filled with pure love, so as to love God with all the heart and our neighbor as ourselves. There is surely nothing objectionable about an experience like that. A holy God inspired holy men, by the Holy Ghost, to write a holy Bible to tell us that Christ died to make us holy and that we must be holy in order to enter a holy heaven and associate with holy angels and dwell with a holy God.

It is not enough to do good; one must do it in the right way.—John Morley.

LIFE'S BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of Palestine are used as a symbolic application to the subject.

By Leonard Newton



Text: "Your south border, your west border, your north border, your east border," Numbers 34:3, 6, 7, 10.

MANY OF US, I am sure, have read the 34th chapter of the book of Numbers without grasping the significance to the Christian life it holds.

The first thing that strikes one about the boundaries of the world's most famous country is the smallness of the territory which they enclosed. Palestine has about the same number of square miles as England. It is only 50 miles wide at its widest point, and is 160 miles long. Nevertheless, it was the promised land, the land consecrated by the incarnation, the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the ascension of Christ.

There is a difference in bigness and greatness, in quantity and quality. The great nations surrounding Israel—the Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Greek, and Roman—must have looked with scorn upon that little country whose territory they often overran. That is easily understood when we see the men of today making the same mistake by regarding as narrow and limited the lives of those who live apart from the world system, and yet are rich in faith, hope, and love.

As the true minister of Jesus Christ walks through the 20th century, he is labeled as a fanatic, one that is old-fashioned, narrow, and limited. But as the nations of earth have been and will yet be forced to look toward the little country of Palestine for help, even so will the critics of today sooner or later come looking for the footprints made by God's man as he walked the ground of God's provision (the ground that Jesus trod).

THE SOUTH boundary of Israel was desert country, below the southern extremity of the Dead Sea; beyond which stretched Arabia and Egypt. Let us allow this to symbolize our past life. Moses, when preparing his people for the crossing of the Jordan and the conquest of Canaan, said, as he possibly waved his hand to the south: "Ye shall return this way no more."

We have passed through some desert country where we do not wish to travel again. It is a place of mistakes, failures, disappointments, and transgressions. I do not join the ones that can see nothing worth while happening today, but suggest that everything worthy of note happened 25 years' ago. That lays south of me, and I recall it only as a stimulant to better living today. May you, too, have a south boundary to your life, beyond which, into the desert territory of past failures and blunders and sins, your soul shall not be permitted to dwell. Say with Paul, the great man from out of the past: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I

press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Israel's western territory opened upon the Great Sea, or Mediterranean Sea. Israel was a small country but never an isolated one, for it was the highway of the nations, both by sea and by land. This suggests to us that our lives ought not to be aloof, self-contained, or lonely, but in touch with humanity beyond our limited confines. Israel was a separated people, called out from among the nations, and chosen, that in her all nations might be blessed. God said to Abraham at the beginning of Israel's history: "Thou shalt be a blessing, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." It is hoped of us that we leap the wall of complacency and indifference and carry the Christian story to our neighbors, to other towns and nations.

Life, like the sea, is a big thing, with great possibilities of exploration and discovery. Therefore, we cannot afford to live it in a small way.

Milton saw the sea, heard its sound, and accepted its challenge; and, after praying for guidance of the Holy Spirit, resolved that he would write something the world would not willingly let die. He did it. His writings are in the upper room of literary achievement.

Christian, look beyond your western boundary.

The world waits for youth with its freshness, hope, and daring. The best sermons have not been preached; the best church edifices have not been built; the best songs are still unsung; the best books have not been written (except, of course, the Bible.)

Life's western boundary has a special meaning for those in the last quarter of life. There are now about 12 million Americans who are living in their last quarter, and with increase of knowledge of the body, this number will increase. The current answer to the question "What is the chief end of man" is "To secure a pension." We render a grave injustice to our elders in forcing them to retire. This is unchristian. They should be better equipped, with their experience, and wisdom, to serve the cause of Christ than ever; let them work on.

Caleb came close to expressing the desire of every God-filled elder when at the age of 85 he came to Joshua and said, "Give me this mountain where the

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THIS MOST IMPORTANT admonition from Paul the apostle to the *Church of God* at Corinth is a much neglected subject by the saints or members of the Church today. We fail to study and pray to be able to measure ourselves by God's yardstick in order to qualify for that great event, the rapture, which may take place at any moment.

The word *examine* means to inspect closely or investigate carefully. The devil will blind us just as much as we allow him.

Ephesians 4:18 teaches us that we can be alienated from the life of God through ignorance, because of the blindness of our hearts, and that our understanding will be darkened. Hosea 4:6 says, "*My children are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*" So let us search the Scriptures and study to shew ourselves approved unto God, and we will, if we fear God, for Proverbs 1:7 says, "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*"

Hosea 4:6 says, "*Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee . . . seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*" Do you want God to reject you, or to forget your children?

A close examination of ourselves and of the Scriptures will cause us to bring up our children in the way they should go. Is your child in or out of the way? He will have to be *in* the way, and *stay* in the way, in order not to depart from it when he is old. Depart means to withdraw or to leave. We often hear parents say, "I can't make my children do right." The great wise man said in Proverbs 13:24, "*He that spareth his rod hateth his son.*" Chapter 19:18 says, "*Chasten thy son while there is hope and let not thy soul spare for his crying.*" Chapter 23:13, 14, "*Withhold not correction from the child, for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die (spiritually): thou shalt beat him with the rod (the dictionary says a switch or whip) and shalt deliver his soul from hell.*" If we obey God's Word, our children will be in subjection to us. God had confidence in Abraham enough to make him a blessing to *all nations*, for God said, in Genesis 18:19, "*I know him, for he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord.*" Notice, they were to *keep the way*, not depart from it.

In the first scripture given in this article, we are to *prove* (cause to be accepted as genuine) our own selves and *know* whether we be in the faith, for which Jude tells us to earnestly contend. Faith means belief, and Mark 16:16-19 is Christ's words: "*He that believeth not shall be damned*" (condemned to eternal punishment). Jesus gives us signs to go by that prove believers. "And these signs *shall follow* (whom?) them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues (meaning different languages here as in Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-6), they shall take up serpents (unintentionally as happened to Paul on the isle of Melita, Acts 28:3-6), and if they drink any deadly thing (accidentally) it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." After you have studied these verses carefully, examine yourself and *prove* your ownself by the Word, how that Christ is in you, except or unless ye be reprobates. A reprobate is a person who is condemned or given up to sin.

OBEDIENCE is better than sacrifice, and Paul said, in 2 Corinthians 13:2, "*I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present the second time; and*

being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that if I come again, I will not spare" (not forgive or be merciful). Paul had received reports that there was fornication among the church members at Corinth (1 Corinthians 5:1). He said that such people should be delivered unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, saying that "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," and for them to "purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump," 1 Corinthians 5:5-7. He also said, "I wrote unto you an epistle, not to company with fornicators" and "put away from among yourselves that wicked person," 1 Corinthians 5:9, 13. This places many good Christian people who have sinful, adulterous companions in a close place, but God's Word is true and law, and we must abide by it. Of course, the guilty party may repent and turn away from his sins, then forgive, for if ye forgive not, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses.

Are you rearing your children in a home where a fornicator or an adulterer is in company with them? Be sure your mind is constantly on the Lord and your time is given to keeping the minds and hearts of your children in the way they should go. Remember a little leaven in the home, as well as in the church, leaveneth the whole

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"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith, prove your OWN selves, know ye not your own selves how that Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates," 2 Corinthians 13:5.

lump. Jesus gave a companion the right to be free by divorce, which means a legal dissolving of marriage, or separation from such an unclean spouse (Matthew 19:8, 9). It takes fervent prayer and Christian discipline to bring children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Numbers 14:18; Exodus 20:5; 34:7 teach that the iniquity of the father will be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate God, and the fornicator hates or does not love God. Notice the three references in this verse. In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word is established.

IN A CLOSE examination to prove our own selves, let's study Romans 12:17: "*Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*" 2 Corinthians 8:21, "*Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.*" The devil is a sly old fox, and it takes the wisdom that God gives to detect the different ways he sends his little foxes to spoil the vine. Consider income tax papers; be careful, God's eyes are on every heart and hand. He knows the very intents of our heart.

Consider each article in your possession. Not that you'd steal or be deceitful to obtain things you want or need, but there is a spirit that will deceive you in thinking it is all right to accept things from questionable sources, or buy something in the name of another person who gets

it cheaper than you could. The Word says, "Honest in the sight of *all* men," meaning the man who is selling the article, your pastor, or the man who suffered without the gate to sanctify you wholly, taking out fraud, greed, lying (acted or spoken) and deceit, everything that is sin in God's (not man's) estimation. Proverbs 15:27, "He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house, but he that hateth gifts shall live." Jeremiah 17:9, 10, 11, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. As a partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool." *Be wise.*

If it was possible for Christ's mother and Joseph to go a day's journey without Christ before learning that He had been left behind, it is very probable that such a thing can happen to us. Yes, there are many who are deceived and still claiming the victory, and if they do not awake out of sleep and examine and prove their own-selves, they won't know the difference until they face the Judge of all judges, or are spued out of His mouth into the great tribulation. But God's hand of mercy is now

INVENTORY

By MRS. WALTER A. DAUGHDRILL

outstretched to them. Let me give a very important illustration. A good Christian (seemingly) said to me once, "When I was saved I was so condemned over using snuff I had to quit it. Then, during a sick spell I craved it and began using it again, and have not felt condemned about it since." Well, the Word says, "God's Spirit will not always strive with man" (saint or sinner). When the Bible condemns a thing, and a person has felt condemnation enough to lay *anything* aside once, God does not have to condemn him again. If a man be ignorant let him be ignorant. It is possible, you know, to get a strong delusion, pass it on to others, or teach men so that they all be damned. Yes, a day's journey without Him could mean we've left behind our good experiences of being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.

It is possible, too, for the enemy to make you believe you have salvation, but don't have the Holy Ghost since you've grown cold in your experience. But, if you have lost that good experience, you've left your first love, and you need to do your first works over to be able to hear His voice when the rapture takes place. "For unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time *without sin* unto salvation," Hebrews 9:28. If you have this hope of seeing Him, it will purify you or cause you to continually take inventory of your life whether ye be in the faith. The sow that has turned to her wallowing in the mire is not clean any more. Is your robe spotless?

A TERRIBLE TOOL of Satan, used by so many who profess to know God, is slander. James 1:26 says, "If any man among you seem to be religious and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." James also says that the tongue is a little member and is a fire, a world of iniquity, that it defileth the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. Everything on earth has been tamed by man, but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless God, and with it we curse men, and these should not come out of the same mouth. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."

Now we know that no murderer can go to heaven and if you kill the influence of a person who is striving to serve God, I'm afraid for you. Maybe the accusation you've heard is not true, or has already been repented of. God is merciful, and you will be if God is in you. Do not repeat the gossip you hear. Talk to God about it. He can help the guilty party, and He won't tell anyone. It may be your son or daughter who makes the same mistake next time. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." I've heard mothers who had small children gossip about young people and make mountains out of mole hills to lower their character, when they should have been on their knees praying for them, and later their own children sank low in sin. "Judge not, lest ye be judged with the same judgment." Many good pastors' influences have been killed by members who criticized instead of prayed. Psalm 105:15 says, "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." David said in Psalm 39:1, "I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue." In chapter 141:1 he prayed, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

To insinuate or prevaricate can slander people more than just using direct statements. A Sunday School teacher once told her class that she would rather people would say most anything about her than to say, "Well, she is all right, but—" thus insinuating that something was terribly wrong.

Leviticus 19:16, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer." Proverbs 29:19, "He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets, therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips." Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you," and people who reject the baptism of the Holy Ghost are an easy prey for Satan to tempt; they enjoy dragging the skeleton out of the closet of every person mentioned. When we are humble enough for the Holy Ghost to tame and use our tongue to speak a language that God alone understands, then we have the witness of the promise of the Father which is given to them that obey God (Acts 5:32). Have you obeyed God? and do you use the power He has given you? Repeating bad language we hear is often called second-hand cursing, and will surely sap your victory.

Many among us are easily offended. Paul tells us to follow him even also as he was a follower of Christ. In Acts 24:16 he said, "I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men." Let's get sanctified wholly, temper, feelings, appetites, and tongue.

(To Be Continued)



Acts 6:1-7

IN THE SECOND CHAPTER OF ACTS we are told that on the day of Pentecost the disciples were in "one accord." In this sixth chapter there arose a murmuring. It was a disagreement among the disciples which might have caused serious trouble. No longer was it opposition from without; but from within, the trouble arose.

In the soul-winning efforts of the Church great success resulted, for we read that "the number of the disciples multiplied." Among those added were Grecians, and it was not long before they complained against the Hebrews because they felt that their widows were neglected in the daily ministration, that is, in the distribution of help for the ones who had no husbands to look out for them. It is not known if these grievances were justified or not, nevertheless the contention was sharp among them. The ones who attempted this work soon found out that it was almost impossible to please everybody. Usually, some member will feel that his kin are being overlooked. This is so when great effort is put forth to be impartial in such matters. Then, too, there was a need for others to be in charge of this business so that the more important business of praying and studying would not be disrupted.

To be sure, a minister can have so many duties, worthy as they be, that not very much time can be spent in prayer and meditation. One great man said the reason great preachers are not being produced today is because modern things required of them, do not allow them time for prayer and meditation, which is a must to being great men of God. I agree that no man can make a great preacher who stays under the wheel of a high-powered automobile seven days a week, busying himself with the ninety and nine. Great preachers are made by finding the necessary time for prayer and the ministry of the Word. This we must manage, or other things will manage us.

In these verses it is told how this complaint was solved to the satisfaction of the whole Church. It is a wonderful thing to know that though dissatisfactions arise among the best churches and groups, a satisfactory agreement can be reached. The decision was that the brethren were to select seven men, and the apostles would appoint their choices over this business. This was done, and these seven men had hands laid on them, signifying the setting forth by divine movement, as well. All church matters are important and should be cared for. If the ones who have been looking after certain matters find that other responsibilities require so much of their time that they are not able to properly look after them, then someone else who has the time necessary should be selected. Let us learn from this some very important lessons. I mention a few which will help our churches to settle any

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dissatisfactions and continue to win souls and increase in members. If a church ceases to grow and be influential, it is usually caused by inward murmuring and not outside persecution. Then, too, the murmuring is, most of the time, over matters that are trivial and secondary to the all-important business of the church. How trivial is the complaint compared to praying and preaching the Word. This the early Church was made to realize, and all agreed to the plan to select men full of faith and the Holy Ghost to look after the business at hand so that the time needed for prayer and study could be realized. So the first murmuring in the early Church was wisely handled.

Let us suppose that the ones dissatisfied would not hear to the plan. From experiences along this line we all know that it would not be too long till there would have been a dead church. This is one of the ways many good churches have been killed. That there are ways to kill a church none will deny. Then, too, there are ways to keep a church alive and influential. Let us notice three ways to kill a church.

1. DISCOURAGE THE PASTOR. Having been a pastor, I know there are some ways to discourage them. One way to discourage the pastor and help kill a growing church is for church leaders to refuse the part of looking after certain business matters that arise and thus overburden their minister. Various excuses are given, but it usually boils down to wanting it so that long trips can be made about every other Sunday to see relatives or to go elsewhere to some big campaign, and that at a time when an effort is being made to build up the Sunday School or have a much-needed revival at your home church. Another way to discourage a pastor is to take sides against his leadership with some unfaithful and disgruntled member, then never contribute to his family need, for yours is far more important, in your own eyes. If such doesn't discourage a pastor, then nothing ever will.

2. DISCOURAGE A FELLOW MEMBER. Give the members the same treatment you do the pastor. Complain about the things they do. If not complaining, just fail to express any appreciation for the effort they put forth. Predict every effort put forth will go down or fail. Always be against what the majority are trying to do. Let other members carry all the financial obligations; in fact, voice yourself as being very much displeased with the amount of offerings being given by the rest of the members. If members don't get discouraged when other members carry on, well, it surely will make them blue. Some don't believe that a Holy Ghost person ever gets discouraged, anyway.

3. DESTROY THE CONFIDENCE OF THE COMMUNITY. To keep alive and grow, a church must have the influence of the community. There must be outside interest. The deadest thing I ever saw was a Church of God

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By W. C. Byrd

without any outside interest. Every effort attempted resulted in a closing up after the first few efforts, because no outside interest was shown. Regardless of what you think, it is evident we must have something to attract the unsaved to our services. Regardless of why they are not coming, someone or something must attract the outsiders to our services. Don't blame it on your preaching too strait and not compromising. That is where your revivals come from, and the new members. If you are losing the interest of the outsiders, then check your program. It only stands to reason that the church won't grow or ever get anybody saved. An encouraged pastor and membership with outside interest maintained will keep the church alive and growing.

Having briefly dealt with how to kill the church, let us think of a few ways to keep the church alive and influential in the community.

(a) **Solve your problems harmoniously.** The thing that kept the early Church alive was the ability to solve its problems in agreement. I notice that the most successful and fastest growing churches are those that are able to keep unity of the Spirit. The one accord of the upper room can produce another Holy Ghost outpouring. In revivals of history many have been the outpourings of the Spirit when unity was effected in various assemblies. My heart has been stirred in reading the writings of Moody, Finney, Wesley, and Carridine. All tell of a protracted meeting of days when nothing was being accomplished. After days the men who had differences would get together, confessing and forgiving the transgressions. Immediately, conviction would hover over the community, and a mighty revival would sweep the homes. I say that little petty differences, tenaciously maintained, are a knockout blow to many of our efforts. So, what worked for the early Church and the great soul-winners of the past will work now. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today!

(b) **A membership that has a fulness of faith and Holy Ghost.** The book of Acts is radiant with stories concerning those who were full of faith and filled with the Spirit. It shows the glorious effect of being Spirit-filled. Then, too, we are warned about losing this. We must guard against this above everything. It is not enough to attract outsiders. We must have something to bless them, to hold their interest. If we lose our first love, then they will not see much after attending. This could be the reason why many Sunday nights the church is half full when the places of amusements are packed. We must retain our faith and love. Let us not allow carnal things to dominate our lives. Let us be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led. Paul's admonishes, "Be filled with the Spirit."

(c) **Serve the Church when selected.** That is what the seven did. We don't even know five of them. They served well, for the problem was solved. Let us think on "Why belong to the church anyway?" Most people look upon belonging to the Church of God as lowering your standing

in the world (outsiders). The Church is small in comparison to other great religious bodies. All church groups were small at one time. We are growing in most places, for which we give God the glory. So, the reason we joined was not for popularity but because we wanted to be in a spiritual Church, one that is alive and growing for the glory of God. We didn't join to take it easy. When you walked up and united, it was your desire then to be a part of the fight. If you find a desire to withdraw from the struggle and battle and let things get along within themselves, you had better pray through. It is time to think of our Church against the world and the devil. To combat such great opposition, we must be united and work together. This is a matter that demands united effort. How good and how pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity. How bad and how unpleasant for them to dwell apart and divided. No church will grow when there is devouring among themselves. Join in the fight. The battle is raging! Better to lose your life in the struggle than to fall out wanting to take it easy.

I read the story of a minister who declined to pastor a church because it paid too much salary and not enough labor. Then I read where another minister refused to take it easy and live six years, but preferred to keep in the fight and thus died in two years. Such a spirit will keep our Church alive and growing. Yes, there are larger churches around. Disregarding them all, you cast your lot with the Church of God. There are three things you should strive for as a member. Be one to encourage your pastor. It means much to have a pastor that is encouraged. Have you been an encouragement to him? You should encourage other members. Show them you appreciate them. Pray for them and show your appreciation. Do all you can to maintain an outside interest. Someone caused you to have an interest. In turn, be a member who helps others to want what the Church of God has to offer.

In conclusion, let me say, We don't have but one life to give our church. Is this a necessary thing of which to be reminded? I think so. All are going to another world more real than this one. Some may go before completing the needy work assigned to them. Stephen was in such a position, and this event came to him in the very midst of this service. He was a recent appointee to a needy work of the Church, to see that alms were properly distributed. He discharged this duty to the satisfaction of those who selected him, for it gave the apostles more time for prayer and preaching. It is no small thing to bear a burden for others, if so doing will enable them to do that which we could never perform. If you can't preach, then do something to help them that can do a better job of it. Stephen helped remedy a situation that could have done great harm. Thus you can do service in your local groups. You may feel it a tragedy for one to be stricken while in the process of work. I ask, How could one go in a better way? To be in the harness pulling and fall in the tracks is much better than dying out of

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giants are, and the cities great and fenced; if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out." This is the spirit with which to meet the last quarter of life.

ON LOOKING to the northern boundary of Israel, we see the Lebanon Mountain Range, including the snow-crowned Hermon. From this range flowed the rivers Pharphar and Abana that surrounded the beautiful city of Damascus.

The mountains suggest veneration, adoration, and worship, as is seen in the expression of David: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help," Psalm 121; or, "The mountains shall bring peace to the people," Psalm 72. And again, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." From the mountains come down the cooling winds which bring health and vigor, as well as the streams which form rivers that make the valleys fertile.

Man is made for worship. His body is made so that when he is standing erect his eyes are focused toward a higher elevation. None other of creation have this type of structure. It is a sad thing when a man has no mountain boundary of worship, no skyline, no stars of faith and adoration. It is good for man to get his head out of time into eternity once in a while.

Now, we come to the eastern boundary of Palestine. Here we find the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, and the strip of territory beyond which had been given to the half tribe of Manasseh. The eastern boundary is spoken of as the land "toward the sunrising," and the "Fountain of the Sun." Life has an eastern boundary which looks toward the sunrising, the land of hope. What lies eastward for you? What is beyond the next hill toward which you are walking? Every Christian faces the east with hope, knowing that whatever lies ahead there will be infinite wisdom and power to sustain him and lead him on until every hill has been climbed and every dense forest has given way to a simple footpath that leads to God and home.

WE MORTALS have the Biblical order of marking time turned around. The Genesis record says concerning the first day of creation, "And the evening and morning were the first day." We say "the morning and evening" in describing a day. We measure the days from sunrise to sunset, from light to darkness. But when we face the eastern horizon we face, not the sunset, but the sunrise of eternity's day. Death is not the cessation of life but the giving away of the lower order of life for the higher.

The earthly watchman says, "The morning cometh, and also the night." That is all he can say: peace then war, hope then anguish, tranquillity, then storm, life then death. Night is always coming down and blotting out the mountains of man's expectation. But the preacher of Christian hope can say more than that. He can say: "The morning cometh and also the night;" but also, "and finally, and forever, the morning; the morning without a cloud; the morning when the sun shall go no more down; the morning when the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads—they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away;" the morning when

the last enemy shall be put under Christ's feet, and God shall be all and in all; the morning when the morning stars which sang over man's creation shall sing once again over man's redemption; the morning when the seventh angel shall sound, and great voices shall be heard in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

In the mountain country, even before the sun appears, you can see the peaks of the mountains farthest from it lighted up with its morning glow. So, by Christian faith and hope, we can look for the glories that are to come, the glories that only Christ can bring.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ (of every dispensation) shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord," 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be," Matthew 24:27.

I will meet you in the morning, just inside the eastern gate. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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them. Who wants to linger until you are a burden, rather than a help? It is not so bad to depart right in the middle of service if we fall asleep in Christ. Let me remind you again, We have only one life to give our church. Let it be spent in building and not destroying. No wonder Jesus was seen by Stephen, in his departing, standing at the right hand of the Father. Jesus is usually described as sitting, but not now. He is standing, looking over the battlements of heaven at one dying, faithful unto death. That was not just ordinary dying, was it? What a wonderful way to end the one life you have to give for the Lord Jesus and His Church!

Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall down.—Anonymous.

I dislike the word "fundamentalist" as much as I dislike the word "modernist." I always decline to be labeled by either designation. My own position is that of holding the evangelical faith in its fulness.

I feel very often that a hindrance to the work of the kingdom of God in the world, perhaps greater than that which is called modernism, is that of a dry and dead orthodoxy content with intellectual acceptance of the doctrines of the faith while yet devoid of its spirit and life.

I have long been convinced that we gain nothing by attacking either the naturalistic tendencies of modernism or the formalism of orthodoxy. There is one thing for us to do, and one only, which may be expressed in that simple and yet sublime formula, "Preach the Word."

—G. Campbell Morgan in THIS WAS HIS FAITH (Revell)

REPORTS

Shreveport, La., District Convention

The convention for the Churches of God on the Shreveport, La., District convened at the Cedar Grove church, May 8, 9. We were blessed with many visiting ministers, some of whom came from as far as 300 miles away. We were very much pleased with the attendance of Rev. E. M. Ellis, one of the pioneers of the Church of God. Other ministers present were Revs. Henry Ellis, W. M. Granger, A. T. Allen, Harry Anderson, W. E. Rodgers, V. E. Nettles, Sister Ethel Lofton, and Sister A. T. Allen. Rev. Henry Ellis, pastor of the Tyler, Texas, Church of God, brought the first message, on "The Basis of Church of God Fellowship." We were greatly blessed by his singing, as well as this inspiring message from the Word of God.

The Saturday afternoon service, May 9, proved a blessing to those who attended. The message was delivered by Rev. W. M. Granger, pastor of the Bastrop, La., Church on the Monroe District, on "Progress of the Christian Life."

Saturday night was Mission night. Rev. Y. W. Kidd, state overseer, gave some instructions to the church, which was followed by the film "Hands Across the Caribbean." The film gave all of us a chance to see where our mission offerings go. I don't believe there was a person present who wasn't blessed by this film. We could see with our own eyes what our work was doing over there. Following

the film, Brother Kidd delivered a message on missions. When time came for the offering you could feel the spirit of giving in the church. Seven persons gave \$25 each. Final count of the offering was \$511, a good increase over last year. Much of the credit goes to our Y.P.E., that raised \$208.50 of this. They began to work last September, and their work speaks for itself. God was real throughout the convention. The effects can still be felt. Our sincere desire is for your prayers that the Shreveport District will grow and grow and keep on growing. God's love knows no bounds, if we keep our faith and trust in Him. Brother Thomas Shoemaker is our pastor. We appreciate him and his work.—Lester Palmer, Convention Reporter.

THOMASVILLE, N. C.—We are proud to report that our Sunday School and Y.P.E. are both in a lively contest, and the interest and attendance have greatly increased. Our church has been remodeled with a new roof, sheet rock, painted inside and new celotex. We have also added a new screened-in porch to the parsonage. The L.W.W.B. recently furnished the parsonage with a new electric range and hot-water heater which is paid for. Pray that God will continue to bless us; also pray for our pastor, Rev. W. S. Williamson, and his wife, to whom goes most of the credit for work on the church.—Mrs. Joe Barnes, Reporter.

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.—We here at the Church of God at Virginia Beach have been in a Y.P.E. contest for the past 16 weeks, Reds vs. Blues. Last night the contest closed, with an offering of \$443.11 and an attendance of 91. For the 16 weeks, the total offerings raised in the contest amounted to \$1,411.78! We praise the Lord for His bountiful blessings in helping us raise this money, for it is to go in the building fund towards erecting a new house for the Lord.—Ruby Murphy, Secretary.

In Memoriam

HANSEL

Julia A. Hansel, age 8, was born February 5, 1945, and died February 24, 1953. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hansel, of Monroe, Michigan, who are members of the Fourth Street Church of God, where Rev. Harvey Rose is pastor. Julia had a perfect attendance record in Sunday School. She is missed by her classmates and Sunday School teachers.—Mrs. Standifer, Sunday School Teacher.

WATTS

Mrs. Mary Watts departed this life April 24, 1953, at her home in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. She is survived by her husband, Edgar E. Watts, one daughter, two brothers, and many friends and relatives. Sister Watts had been a faithful member of the Church of God for twenty-one years. She served as church clerk and pianist. We miss her very much, but we know our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. C. Gresham, and Rev. C. L. Amerison.—Mrs. W. C. Gresham.

MATHEWS

Sister Viola Mathews, age 51, departed this life April 20, 1953. She was a humble and loyal member of the Church of God at Sterling, Ga. We all loved Sister Mathews, and she will be greatly missed, but our loss is heaven's gain.—B. H. Hendrix, Clerk.

MILLIGAN

Rev. T. J. Milligan, an ordained minister of the Church of God, died April 14, 1953.

PETHEL

On March 2, 1953, Sister Ethel Pethel, age 67, went home to be with Jesus and her companion who preceded her in death 8 years. Sister Pethel was a faithful Christian wife and mother. Although she was sick a number of years, she bore her afflictions patiently and was a true child of God. Sister Pethel and her companion were both charter members of the Church of God in Kannapolis, N. C., and the first Sunday School was started in their home. She is survived by 7 daughters and one son. Most of them, and a goodly number of the grandchildren, are members and workers in the Church of God. Her funeral was conducted in the Church of God by her pastor, Rev. Beabe, and former pastor, Rev. P. H. McCarn.—Mrs. Katherine Scarboro and Mrs. Ruth Price.

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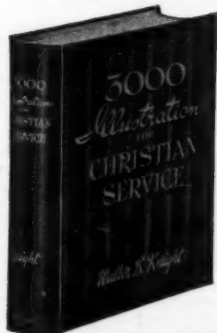
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MY TRIP TO JAMAICA

By T. O. Dennis, Pastor, Danville, Va.

ON WEDNESDAY, December 10, at 2:35 p.m., I left Danville by way of plane for Kingston, Jamaica, to be the night speaker in a parish convention. I knew I was going only one week before I started, and if I had known it two weeks before the time, I may not have been able to go. My enthusiasm ran so high I could not sleep at night. God had said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." Here was a chance for me to go into another part of the world. I wanted to go more than I had ever wanted anything, I think. I have always longed to go to a mission field and preach the gospel of Christ. I have read in the *Evangel* and other papers of how receptive the people in other parts of the world are to the gospel, and I have dreamed of giving the invitation at the close of a sermon and seeing black faces come to Christ by the numbers. This dream came true in Jamaica.

The trip by airplane was grand, but I won't take space to describe it, although I will say this earth is a beautiful scene looking down upon it like God sees it. We traveled 8,500 feet high and 275 miles an hour, arriving in Kingston at about 2:00 p.m., Thursday, after seven stops. The country is beautiful, and Brother and Sister A. W. Brummett are to be highly appreciated for their work there. I have known Brother Brummett for several years, and always he has been tops in my vocabulary of preachers, but Sister Brummett far excelled my highest expectations of her. I never knew one woman could do so much in ministering to the needs and comforting the hearts of precious people. I say "precious," for so they are in my eyes. Any person hungry finds my sympathy, and many of them are hungry, even starving. On my first day there I met one of our ministers who had only one suit of clothes, and the overseer gave him that in 1943. He has worn that one suit for almost ten years to preach the gospel. I actually saw the monthly reports where full-time pas-

tors receive \$2.50 to \$5.00 per month. I thought food and clothing were cheap enough to balance the budget, but to my surprise I found them higher than they are here at home. Never again will I think someone is putting too much stress on a mission offering. Not one day passed that Brother Brummett didn't have preachers come to him for help for their financial needs.

How my heart swelled with gratitude to God when I stepped into that pulpit and faced a packed house, with the yard on both sides filled with people standing to hear the gospel. Each night as we gave the altar call so many were on their knees that you could hardly wade through them, and this continued about half the night.

I have never received any warmer welcome any place than I did in Jamaica. Long will I remember the tears that filled the pastor's eyes when he said if it had not been for American missionaries he would be in heathenism now. Brother Brummett said it would be no trouble to organize more new works if he had the money and workers. We are in desperate need of buildings. Our headquarters church there is so small only about half of the members could be seated, so sinners do not have a fair chance. If the building were four times as large, there would be four times the souls saved. I saw the Norfolk, Va., Memorial Church and thanked God for a building erected by a Virginia church. I met an evangelist that "Shouting" Sam Jones is financing to keep on the field. Last month he won 25 souls to God. May God bless Brother Jones for this good work. I cannot tell half of what I saw, but if you ministers can possibly take a trip that way, I am sure you will never regret it, and Brother Brummett will treat you royally while there. There may be some things you are used to at home and can't get there, but the warm welcome and hospitality makes you soon forget that. Let's unite our hearts in prayer for Jamaica.



Pvt. Roy H. Stepp entered service February 2, 1953. He is now taking his basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas. He is not a Christian and I would appreciate all Christians praying for him.—His sister, Dorothy Stepp, Route 1, Blue Ridge, Ga.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I praise the Lord for healing me of stomach and heart trouble which I had had for years. I had been very sick and could not eat anything without suffering untold agony. Brother John Cheasson was in a revival in the south side of Jacksonville. He came and prayed for me, and I was healed instantly. The Lord is still healing, and I do want to stay close to Him and be worthy of His blessings.—Mrs. Martha Boree.

LARGO, Fla.—I am glad to testify for the Lord Jesus Christ who has been so good to me. In February of 1952 I came to the United States with

my husband and young son from the island of Okinawa. Before I came here I was not a Christian and did not know anything about Jesus. My husband and I started going to the Church of God with his family. I wanted to be saved and felt that my mother-in-law was praying for me, which she was. One Sunday night we went to church, and while the people were singing and praying I felt something in my soul. I went to the altar and prayed, and Jesus saved me. Three days later I received the Holy Ghost. My prayer is that some day I can talk to my family and friends in Okinawa about Jesus. I want the Christian people to keep praying for me and for my husband that he will be saved before Jesus comes.—Mrs. Kikne Hurst.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS NORTH KOREAN POWS TAKE BIBLE COURSES

PUSAN, KOREA (EP)—More than half of the 10,579 North Korean war prisoners who enrolled for Bible study courses in a single U. N. detention camp in South Korea have completed the studies, Chaplain Harold Voelkel, of Philadelphia, Pa., reported here. He said that 3,845 of the 6,279 enrolled in a comprehensive New Testament course had received diplomas, while 1,794 of the 3,850 engaged in old Testament study have been graduated.

Mr. Voelkel, a pre-war Presbyterian missionary in Korea, now serving as a special chaplain to Korean civilians and POWs, said that the study courses are "of high standard, comparing favorably with those offered in the U. S.," and require "a great deal of memory work" by the students. Korean-language Scriptures used in the work are supplied by Bible groups in America and Britain, Mr. Voelkel said. He added that Dr. Bob Pierce, of Portland, Ore., Youth-for-Christ vice-president-at-large, provided "several thousand dollars" to purchase study books, paper and other needed materials. Expansion of the courses is hindered only by a lack of funds, the chaplain said, pointing out that study materials cost about \$3 per student.

"These men are hungry for the Word of God, on which the principles of our democratic way of life are based," Mr. Voelkel said.

ITALY SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF PROTESTANT

ROME, Italy (EP)—Italy's Supreme Court rejected an appeal by the State Prosecutor that it overrule a provincial court's decision, revoking the sentence imposed in 1951 on a Waldensian minister for holding a church service without "proper authorization." It was the first time a case involving a Protestant clergyman had reached Italy's highest tribunal. The Supreme Court's action was considered an important precedent by Protestant leaders in Italy.

The Waldensian pastor, the Rev. Franco Sommani, had been sentenced by a local court in Avola, Syracuse Province, in April 1951, for "having opened to the public an evangelical church rite without previous authorization by competent authorities." The sentence was revoked in March, 1952, by a provincial court. In opposing the State Prosecutor's appeal before the Supreme Court, Mr. Sommani's attorney argued that Italy's postwar constitution "recognizes the right of

citizens to associate freely and, therefore, to gather for religious purposes so long as no offense against the penal code is contemplated or committed." The Waldensian Church, oldest Protestant group in the world, is the largest non-Catholic body in Italy.

PASTOR NIEMOLLER HOPES FOR 'MIRACLE'

FRANKFORT, (EP)—Pastor Martin Niemoller, before he left Frankfort by air for Berlin, for a conference on May 9 with the Soviet ambassador, told the Synod of the Province of Hesse-Nassau that "it would certainly not be true to say that all efforts to discuss matters with leading Russian representatives are bound to be unsuccessful." Hope must not be abandoned in the peace problem, he said, for if it were, it would be impossible to carry on any activity at all. "Even today God still performs miracles by His Word."

When world-wide television arrives, it will be much easier for all the nations to be brought under the control of one ruler, as the Bible foretells concerning the reign of the Antichrist. Word-wide TV will come within ten years, Neal McNaughton thinks. The engineering manager of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters made the forecast at the recent convention of the NARTB in Los Angeles. He explained: "The answer to global television lies in a submarine cable that will use a transistor repeater unit, smaller than a cigarette, to augment microwave relays between the continents of the world."

As Israel completed her fifth year on April 19, it was announced that 12.6 per cent of all the Jews in the world now live there. There are now 11,672,000 Jews distributed among 97 countries of the world. About 5,000,000 live in the United States.

To mark the 3,000th anniversary of the establishment of Jerusalem as the City of David, the Government of Israel will stage a great exhibition there from Sept. 22 to Oct. 14, 1953. Its theme will be, "Conquest of the Desert"; Its symbol, a powerful green hand holding the rose of Sharon and thrusting its way through an arid desert terrain. The official slogan for the exhibition is taken from the prophecy of Isaiah: "And the desert shall blossom as the rose."

Dr. F. Bredahl Petersen, of Copenhagen, President of the European Baptist Federation, who is now in this country, reports that despite the Soviet control of children under the age of 18, the number of Baptists in Russia has grown from 400,000 a generation ago to more than 3,200,000 at the present. This amazing growth he attributes to persecution.

NOTICES

David P. Suleiman is available for revival services. He is a native of Jerusalem and a missionary of the Church of God. He is open for revivals anywhere and is reported to be an effective evangelist. Write David P. Suleiman, P. O. Box 1124, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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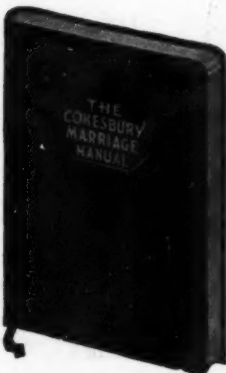
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REVIVALS

OAKLEY, Calif.—We have had a mighty Holy Ghost revival, with Rev. Harold B. Thompson and the good people at the Oakley, California, Church of God. There were 20 saved, 33 sanctified, and 31 baptized with the Holy Ghost in 8 days.—Eugene Dowdle, Chandler, Arizona.

STATENVILLE, Ga.—We are happy to report the wonderful revival we had recently with Sister Onez King, of Bainbridge, Ga., as the evangelist. She is truly a consecrated young girl and was a great blessing to the church. The revival began April 2 and continued through May 10. We had to close for the South Georgia camp meeting. This was the most successful revival we have had. The power fell in the first service, and several nights each week the evangelist did not get to preach as the Holy Ghost came down and took charge. There were 20 saved, 7 sanctified, and 15 filled with the Holy Ghost. Several presented themselves for church membership.

We all learned to love Sister King very much and hope she can conduct another revival for us sometime. We also appreciate our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Chandler. They have been so faithful. We are grateful for all the wonderful things God has done for us.—Mrs. Ruth Staten, Clerk.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—We have had a wonderful revival here at the Noetown Church of God. Rev. Lee L. Mansfield was the evangelist. The mighty power of God was present in each service to bless the hearts of the people. Many sick bodies were healed. Backsliders were reclaimed, and the Christians were drawn closer to God. Deaf ears were unstopped, and many wonderful things took place during the two weeks that Brother Mansfield was here.

One woman had a growth under her arm which the doctor said was a cancer. When Brother Mansfield prayed for her, it disappeared. We are praising God for the good revival which we had. Pray for the church here in Noetown that it will continue to grow.—J. M. Baldree, Jr., Reporter.

LAKE WORTH, Fla.—We have just had a very successful Holy Ghost revival, with Sister Mable Branch, of Birmingham, Ala., doing the preaching. Sister Branch sang many beautiful songs under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and messages were given through the Holy Ghost, sending fear into the hearts of the sinners. Truly this revival was for the young people,

as many found Jesus precious to their souls. Many members of the church spent hours in prayer reconsecrating their lives to work for Jesus. Many prayers were answered for lost loved ones. There were 12 saved, 2 sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Branch is a true saint of God, and her reward will be great.

Our pastor, Brother Harold Douglas, and family came to our church from South Park, Birmingham, Ala. He and his family are greatly appreciated and loved by the church and community. Our Sunday School and church attendance are growing. God is blessing in a mighty way. On Easter Sunday we had a record attendance of 269.—Marguerite Argyle, Reporter.

TOWNSEND, Ga.—We recently had a great revival at Youngs Chapel Church of God. Sister Maggie Jeffords was the evangelist. Nine were saved, 8 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church.—L. C. Allen, Pastor; W. N. Smith, Clerk.

LIBERTY, S. C.—We have just had a 3 weeks' revival, the greatest in the history of the church, with Rev. Villard McCary as the evangelist. The church had been praying for God to send an evangelist, the Lord heard and answered prayer, and gave us a wonderful Holy Ghost revival. A number of nights Brother McCary didn't get to preach; the Holy Ghost took charge. There were 42 saved, 22 sanctified, 20 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 25 baptized in water, and 23 added to the church. The city was stirred, and we had good crowds. Peo-

ple heard about the revival and had to come and see for themselves. The power of God worked in a wonderful way, and holiness fighters, wicked people, and drunkards were delivered; devils were cast out, and people were healed. One of these, a holiness fighter and drunkard, came to service one night and tried to get his wife to leave. His wife was saved during the revival, and she held on to God. The next night he came to church with her; the next night he was in the altar; and he is now a member of the church. There were people saved up in years; some were in their 70's. We truly thank God for the wonderful revival.

We were happy to have Rev. McCary and family with us and recommend them to any church for a revival. We praise the Lord for our good pastor and his family and the work they are doing.—Louise Gillespie, Reporter.

SHELburn, Ind.—We are very glad to report a successful revival at the Church of God in Shelburn, Indiana, with Brother Gene Nash as evangelist. There were 10 saved, 9 sanctified, 9 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 4 baptized in water, and 12 added to the church. A short time before this revival Brother Nash was preaching for the United Brethren Church. While preaching for them, he felt the need of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and began seeking for the blessing, which he received. Brother Nash is now a member of the Church of God at Shelburn. He is a very consecrated man, and we appreciate him very much.—Mrs. C. H. Standifer, Reporter.

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